

August 28, 1969

Miss Maureen Goldsmith  
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Dear Miss Goldsmith:

Thank you for your letter of July 8 and please excuse me for taking so long to respond. For your possible interest, I enclose a copy of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on chemical and biological warfare held last April. It seems to me that the most important step we could take would be to ratify the Geneva Protocol for the prohibition of gas and germ warfare. Almost, every other important nation in the World has ratified the Geneva Protocol but we have not. If we do ratify, it is important that we attach not special reservations allowing the use of "non-lethal" gas. No other nation makes such reservations and to do so would ultimately destroy the Protocol so far as I can see. The thing you can do is to write your two senators and the President in this connection. Letters can be very effective at this early stage of the issue.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew Meselson  
Professor of Biology

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Dear Dr. Meselson;

I just concluded watching a news-cast on the Columbia Broadcasting System Channel in which you were interviewed about your opinions on Biological and Chemical Warfare.

Like most young people, I have had my share of tear gas, and mace (sp.?) but unfortunately I was unaware of just how developed the "gas situation" was.

I am appalled and disgusted by what I learned from this Show, and I turn to you to tell me what I can do to try and out-law these weapons —

Thank You —  
Maurice Goldsmith